



Chaffee County Fire Restrictions Quick Guide

Applies to all Unincorporated Chaffee County



Stage I Fire Restrictions

When a Stage I Restriction has been imposed, no open fire may be built, maintained, or attended within Chaffee County.

Exceptions:

- Campfires, warming fires, and charcoal fires within a permanent constructed fire grate in a developed public campground or picnic ground, or a permanent constructed fire grate or a fire ring in a commercial campground, or on private property.
- Liquefied Petroleum (LP) gas or liquid-fueled stoves and appliances that allow the operator to turn the flame on and off.
- Fireplaces within enclosed buildings that are equipped with adequate spark-arresting screens on the flue.
- Charcoal grill fires at private residences.

No Burn Days

All open burning is prohibited. No outdoor smoking. No exceptions.

Campfire Definition: Secure fire contained by a rock ring or permanently constructed structure made of a solid non-combustible material that is no more than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.

Controlled Burns: Given that there is no current fire ban, and you would like to perform a controlled burn, you must contact the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at (719) 539-2596 before starting.
May 1 – Sept 30: Burns completely out by noon
Oct 1 – April 30: Burns completely out by 2:00pm

Stage II Fire Restrictions

When a stage II Restriction has been imposed, no open fire may be built, maintained, or attended within Chaffee County.

Prohibited:

- Using explosive materials such as exploding targets, tracer rounds, fireworks, blasting caps, or any incendiary device that may result in the ignition of flammable material.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or in an area at least twelve feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- Welding, grinding metal, or operating an acetylene or similar torch with an open flame, except within an area of at least 20 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

Exceptions:

- Liquefied Petroleum (LP) gas or liquid-fueled barbecue stoves and appliances, which allow the operator to turn the flame off.
- Fireplaces within enclosed buildings that are equipped with adequate spark-arresting screens.
- The use of chainsaws with a combustion engine with adequate spark arrestors, provided the operator has with him or her a chemical-pressurized fire extinguisher with a capacity of not less than 8 ounces by weight, and has readily available for use a size 0 or larger round-pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.

Questions? Contact Chaffee County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at (719) 539-2596

See unusual smoke or fire? **Call 911**